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BOMBS IN CANTON.

SOVIET HIDING PLACES DISCOVERED.

INVASION THREAT.

Kongmoon Being Scoured For Communists.

IRONSIDES STEADILY LOSING IN POWER AND INFLUENCE.

Further accusations against the Soviet Consulate-General in Canton have been made but such are not official although they are in connection with the seizure by the police of 48 bombs.

Kongmoon is being scoured for Communists, and the Kwangsi-garrison there has also found time to threaten the "Papersides" of Canton with invasion unless there is a change in policy.

Confidence is being restored in Canton city, but political developments are imminent. The Ironsides are losing in power and influence but are still trying their hardest to avoid losing "face."

LOSS OF "FACE" FEARED.

Documents seized at the Soviet Consulate-General in Canton are alleged to have revealed the hiding places of large quantity of bombs and explosives which had been secreted before the Reds' outbreak in the city.

Acting on information, the city police dug up the ground adjoining a tea-house on the heights outside the north of the city and here found 42 bombs carefully concealed.

Near a playing field a short distance away, six other bombs were found.

The police allege that the explosives were held in readiness by the Communists.

The Reds' Trail.

Having put a considerable distance between themselves and the Canton Government forces, the Communist army which fled from Canton is now making its way by a wide detour to reach the hinterland of Bias Bay to join the "Soviet government" which is in existence up-country.

Word having been received, villages along the road of the Reds' march are combining together to resist them on approach. As a result, looting and pillaging has decreased.

Confidence in Canton has gained rapidly during the last few days.

HOT PURSUIT.

Kongmoon Being Cleared of Red Pest.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Yesterday. Great activity against labour unions and Communist agitators has been shown by the 13th division of Kwangsi troops who returned to control here a few days ago.

Many arrests have been effected but most of the best known leaders have fled.

The recent crisis has caused the merchants to be apprehensive of Nationalist banknotes and business is seriously hampered as a result.—Our own correspondent.

PRESSURE EXERTED.

Kwangsi Troops' Overtures to Papersides.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Yesterday.

Pressure is being exerted indirectly on the Canton Government by the 13th division of Kwangsi troops who returned to control here this week.

As proof of their good faith, the Kwangsi commanders have refrained from interfering with the pro-Canton officials who were recently put in charge of revenue bureaux by the Papersides who have now been recalled to Canton.

The Kwangsi leaders insist on General Li Fook-lun, commander-in-chief of the Papersides, declaring his support for General Li Chai-sum and the Kwangsi faction.

Threat to Invade Canton.

In fact, the 18th division threatens invasion of Canton—a possibility but not a probability at the moment—if the Papersides do not immediately sever connection with the Ironside administration of Canton. If the Papersides declare for the Kwangsi faction, the latter will have a preponderance hastening the downfall of the Ironsides.

To show that they are quite willing to be friends with the Papersides, the 18th division has not laid hands on any of the re-

TWO EXCEPTIONS.

Soviet Departure From China.

TEA BUYERS & RAILWAY STAFF.

Nationalist Government's Latest Decision.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Nationalist Government is allowing Centrosoujs, a big Russian firm of tea-buyers, and the agency of the Chinese Eastern Railway to carry on under supervision.—Reuter.

The staffs of the two concerns are Russian. All Russians have been ordered to leave but the order, it seems, has been modified in the case of the two named.

Chinese Merchants' Petition. The Chinese Tea Guild addressed the Nationalist authorities, regarding a relaxation in the governmental edict in so far as it concerned the Centrosojus (England), Ltd., because, as they asserted, this company is registered in Great Britain, is not a Soviet corporation, and that, since May 1, they have bought 180,000 chests of tea.

Further, that the company is organised solely for business reasons and does not spread Communist doctrines.

Volume of Trade.

Last Saturday it was rumoured that the Centrosojus would be permanently closed.

The Tea Guild did not, therefore, know what to do, as the company owed them more than \$1,000,000 for business transacted during the past month, and further the Centrosojus annually bought more than Tls. 10,000,000 worth of tea in the Yangtze Valley.

As the Centrosojus was a merely business concern, the petitioners requested that the Police should be withdrawn and that business as usual should be permitted.

SHANGHAI STRIKE.

Trams Under Escort: Peace Not in Sight?

Shanghai, Yesterday. A depleted tramway service, with a strong escort accompanying each car, is being maintained without untoward incident, but the negotiations for settlement of the strike have made no progress.

—British Naval Wireless.

MORE EXECUTIONS.

Hankow's Campaign Against Communists.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A telegram from Hankow, dated the 21st inst., states that four more Chinese Communists, including one girl, were executed yesterday.

The former head of the Provincial Government, Kung Kang, with other officials, was apprehended yesterday evening. They are awaiting trial on charges of favouring Communism and of misgovernment.

Deated and Deported.

It is authoritatively stated that the military authorities detained twelve Russian women and five men. All will be released shortly except two men, Glatz, the Dabank manager, and Yessin, the Soviet trade representative, who will probably be deported after further investigation.—Reuter.

Another Version.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Nationalist Government has authorised General Li Chai-sum to take over control of Canton. General Chang Fah-ku and General Wong Ki-chung having resigned or disappeared.

General Li Chai-sum will leave for Canton on Monday or Tuesday.—Reuter.

THEFT FROM AN HOTEL.

The manager of the Glenayre Hotel has reported to the police the theft from the hotel some time between noon and 6 p.m. yesterday of some clothing worth \$55.

During Tram Sergeant Hopkins' absence from his quarters at No. 86, Caine Road, ground floor, between 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. yesterday, a thief entered by forcing window and stole money, clothing and jewellery worth \$147.

Clothing and jewellery worth \$104 was yesterday reported stolen from the first floor of No. 182, Wansung Street.

Thirteen dozen of dark woolen jerseys worth \$225, was reported stolen yesterday from the Kai Seng Textile Company, 180, Wansung Street.

No intervention in the political strife of China was intended, and German Consuls were not authorised to interfere in questions of high politics.

The announcement adds it follows that the fulfilment of the Russian request does not mean that Germany's position in China

SOUDAN PROGRESS.

Freedom From Menace of Famine.

A NEW ERA.

Goodwill And Good Work By All Concerned.

Rugby, Yesterday. The annual report on the administration of the Soudan, published to-day, states that the completion of the Semen dam, which was officially opened in January last year, marked a new era in the development of the Soudan.

"Thanks to favourable conditions and goodwill and good work on the part of all concerned the first year's results from the cultivation of cotton on a large scale were highly satisfactory, and the benefits pre-

FRESH AND FINE.

Northerly winds, moderate, fresh; fine, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

A fresh anticyclone has formed over Northern China and Manchuria. A depression covers South-west Japan. It is moving Eastward. The monsoon will freshen along the Coast of China and over the China-Sea.

dicted have been fully realised.

Labour has presented no difficulty and the general well being of the natives in the thickly populated Giza area is manifested. Cultivation and production have been quickened by science to the vast advantage of the natives, but there has been no upheaval of the social system.

In a country where the people

were had to rely for their sustenance on a capricious rainfall, a guarantee of freedom from the menace of famine is the riches of blessings.

Fifty thousand acres of irrigated land were sown with grain, and the harvest made a doubly welcome addition to the food supply in lean years".

The direct and indirect financial results of the cultivation season covered by the report were thoroughly satisfactory. There was a small actual surplus on the year's working, but the indirect results were even more important; and the report pointed out that account must be taken of additional revenue earned by the Government from extra rail-way traffic, export and import duties, and the traders' tax on syndicates' profits. The additional net revenue accrued in this way probably amounted to at least 150,000 Egyptian pounds.

It is added that the Giza project in 1928 was an important factor in saving the Government

from what would have been a very costly and difficult problem in re-lieving the famine which otherwise

would have been an upheaval of the social system.

As regards the future many changes are in sight. For the current season the area under cotton has been increased from 80,000 to 100,000 feddans. As regards the more distant future the Government

has concluded an agreement with a syndicate to extend the cotton area from 80,000 to 465,000 feddans and ultimately to increase

Government's share to 40 per cent.

—British Wireless Service.

SLUMBERERS FALL FROM COCKLOFTS.

DEATH OF YOUNG GIRL.

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POLICE PROMOTIONS.

CHIEF INSPECTOR KENT TO BE A.S.P.

INSPECTOR GRANT SUCCEEDS

Orders issued yesterday announce the following appointments in the Police Department, to date from January 1, 1928:

Chief Inspector Walter Kent to be Assistant Superintendent of Police, Hong Kong.

Divisional Inspector Peter Grant, at present in charge of West Point district, to be acting Chief Inspector, Hong Kong.

Divisional Inspector C. F. Aris, at present in charge of Yau Ma Tei district, to be acting Chief Inspector, Kowloon.

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The idea of an Imperial Customs Union is not new, but has taken on a new setting under the inspiration of Sir Alfred Mond. Speaking at a meeting organised by the Empire Industries Association, Sir Alfred said that the key word of modern industry was amalgamation. You find it nationally and internationally. You have the vast economic unity of the United States on the one hand, and on the other you have what looks like becoming the economic unity of Europe. From that he argued that the British Empire must be similarly organised lest it be crushed between the milestones. One need not complain that in speaking of the economic unity of Europe Sir Alfred is looking rather far ahead. For it is a development from which no country would stand to gain more than Great Britain. It is not, therefore, a reason for driving us to an economic union of the Empire. That, of course, might be advocated on its own merits. In so far as union can be achieved by the trusts and cartels to which Sir Alfred referred, there is nothing now to hinder their growth within the Empire if the materials for making them exist. It so far as it depends upon inter-Imperial Free Trade with a common external tariff, it is, one would have supposed, entirely impracticable. It is not for us to say whether it would be a good or a bad thing so long as the Dominions make it perfectly plain that they have no intention whatever of relinquishing their Customs autonomy.

IMPERIAL FREE TRADE
MOOTED.

The transition has been remarkably rapid, and appears to have been largely due to the pressure of the Independent Labour party, in deference to whom, apparently, a resolution was carried at the Labour Party Conference last month which, though formally adopting the proposal of the Minority Report for a surtax on investment income, recommended that it should be used for the development of social services and the abolition of food taxes as well as for the reduction of debt. From that it was, perhaps, but a small jump for Mr. MacDonald to leave out debt redemption altogether, not only because debt redemption does not make a particularly rousing electoral appeal but because it is fairly obvious that if the first two objects are to be achieved there will, on any probable estimate of the yield of the surtax, be nothing left over for the third. On the other hand it is possible that Mr. MacDonald has misinterpreted the actual proposal (if it exists anywhere in any coherent shape), since its most responsible advocates have been careful not to commit themselves upon this and certain other points which are essential to its understanding. Indeed, what is known of the surtax is less remarkable than what is not known. We do not know whether the tax would produce, say, £20,000,000 or £30,000,000; we do not know upon whom it will fall (whether, that is, it will fall like the capital levy, only upon the personal incomes of the rich, as Mr. MacDonald implies, or also upon company reserves); we do not know upon whom it is to be spent, and we know nothing of the machinery of collection or the steepness of graduation. We know very little about it except that it originated as an alternative means for the reduction of the National Debt and is now rapidly emerging as a lever for transferring spending power from the rich to the poor. Both purposes are legitimate, but a tax which is suitable for the former purpose may be totally unsuitable for the second.

All this means, of course, that the Labour party have put the cart before the horse. Instead of saying that they want to do and then carefully devising means for doing it, they have plumped for a swinging tax on investment and will proceed at leisure to say what should be done with the proceeds, which may be large or may be wholly insignificant. It does not follow that because a tax is heavy it will also be prolific. The rate of tax on the highest incomes already reaches 10s. in the pound, and if the surtax is to raise it to, say, 16s., the danger line to which the minority members of the Colwyn Committee called attention will probably be over-

stepped. Not only will the national savings certainly be reduced below their already low level, but the tendency to evade the tax by gift and other means will largely reduce both its own yield and that of the existing super-tax. Moreover, if the idea is to tax the rich for the benefit of the poor, why should the big earnings of the professional man be exempt? Why, if the object is to relieve the necessities of the poorest, should not the burden be broadly based upon the income tax, instead of being confined to the comparatively few who have investment incomes of over £500 a year? There are many lines of social reform upon which it may be desirable to advance and for which it is possible that the necessary funds could be found by taxation without too serious injury to the national economy. But the means and the end have to be considered in the closest relation. The Labour party have evidently disregarded this elementary axiom and are going upon the assumption that large schemes of social reform can be financed out of the pockets of the idle rich without injury to anyone else. It is an attractive but dangerous philosophy. Moreover, the idle rich, though a moral and social offence, do not provide an inexhaustible reservoir of wealth. As presented by Mr. MacDonald the proposal for a surtax seems to be a measure of finance.

THE SURTAX.

PROPOSAL OF THE LABOUR
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Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has made it sufficiently clear that the Labour party's proposal for a surtax of, on the average, 2s. in the pound on all investment incomes over £500 a year is to be a cardinal element in its next electoral programme. The surtax is the direct successor of the capital levy, not merely by the accident of time but in intent. The sequence is worth following. The Minority (Labour) Report of the Colwyn Committee maintained a year ago a theoretical loyalty to the capital levy, whose sole purpose, of course, was to redeem a substantial part of the National Debt. But the minority also realised that this horse was no longer a probable starter and discussed "alternative" ways of achieving the same purpose of debt redemption. In the forefront it made this suggestion of a surtax on investment income. To the criticism that such a tax might discourage saving it replied that the "taxation of investment incomes for the purpose of debt redemption seems to us, however, to provide one certain safeguard against undue reduction of savings by redistributive taxation." Expenditure is curtailed, "but the debt-holder in practically all cases treats money handed over to him in repayment of his holding not as income but as capital. The whole process, therefore, involves a measure of compulsory saving. We attach great importance to this point." Others who attach no less importance to it will have been astonished to find Mr. MacDonald declaring at Aberavon last week that the surtax "shall go in no direction but the supply of those large, human, national, social services that are essential because the individual incomes of the working class are so low as to be not in themselves sufficient to afford a decent standard of life." The warning of the Minority Report as to the possible dangers "if the proceeds of taxation upon the rich are increasingly used to raise the standard of living of the poor" simply does not enter into Mr. MacDonald's mind.

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THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The s.s. "Kinshan" reports that as she was passing Lin Fa Shan, near Whampoa, a sampan from the A.P.C. steam-launch "Si Si," came out with a message that a Chinese tow-boat had been pirated and captured by a black painted launch.

The launch and its occupants disappeared up the East River.

Presumably it has been looted and the crew made captives.

Pirate Blasts Ignored.

The launch was met up with; this having on board a naval gun's crew, and was observed to be in chase of another presumed pirate launch, but this craft disappeared up a creek and could not be followed.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" left Singapore for this port on December 19 at noon with the outward English Mail, and is due here tomorrow at about 9 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Bennines" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Sunday.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Yokohama for Vancouver on December 16 at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on Sunday.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama yesterday at 11 a.m. left Yokohama same day at 5 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on December 29 at a.m. She will sail for Manila on December 30 at 5 p.m.

The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is due here on January 5, 1928.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 4, (Wednesday), 1928.

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Whilst at work unloading a lighter at the reclamation off Walling Street, Yaumati, yesterday afternoon, a cargo cooler was rendered unconscious when a heavy piece of timber fell on him. He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

HAY CARGOES.

COMMENTS ON TWO RECENT FIRES.

Lv. C. pool, Nov. 16.

Last week two cases of fire in cargoes of hay from British North America to this country were reported. The first of these was on board the C.P.R. liner "Metagama," the outbreak being first reported when the vessel was passing Greenock, and it will be remembered that the fire had been got under control, it broke out again after her arrival at Glasgow, and was not extinguished until considerable damage had been done, and the vessel had been gravely imperilled by the amount of water which had been pumped into her, and which caused her to take a serious list.

The second case was that of the Belgian steamer "Menapier," which was first reported on fire off Dover, and which subsequently put into that port. At the time of writing no further details are available, and it is not known how serious this outbreak may prove to be.

These two cases are rather interesting, because they add one more to the list of interests in which fire at sea is apparently a serious casualty. From its very nature, hay is highly inflammable, and those who have seen a rick burning on shore can imagine what the consequences must be when a fire occurs in a ship's hold. Even if it is possible to prevent a conflagration, it is to be imagined that hay will smoulder for a very considerable period, and, moreover, the use of water as an extinguisher is almost certain to result in grave deterioration even if it does not render the whole of the interest valueless.

To the present writer hay from British North America, especially in a liner, is a somewhat unusual interest. Presumably we in this country are short of hay fodder as a result of the recent bad summer, and Canada may have had a good hay harvest, which enables this interest to be shipped across the Atlantic on economic terms.

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KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELORE	6,663	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
Macedonia	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
Khiva	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
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MANTUA	10,940	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
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DELTA	8,097	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
SANTHIA	7,754	4th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MALWA	10,988	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NELORE	8,688	13th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
Macedonia	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,656	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NAGPORE	6,285	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,940	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
LAHORE	6,252	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,554	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	14th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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BIAS BAY PIRATES.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTS'S
VISIT TO PEKING.

Next to the exploit in which a submarine surprised the pirates of Bias Bay the best news we ("China Express and Telegraph") have received concerning this menace to peaceful trade in South China comes as a result of the recent visit of the Governor of Hong Kong to Peking. Sir Cecil Clements, who has been most active in tackling the pirate problem, recently took a two months' holiday, and on his way back from Japan called at Peking where, it is reported, he has succeeded in persuading the Japanese, French, Italian and American diplomats to agree to a joint plan of action with the British for the suppression of the evil. The matter will no doubt have to be referred by the authorities concerned to their respective governments, but it is pretty certain that Sir Cecil Clements had already obtained Japanese sanction for his scheme before he broached the subject in Peking. He is not the man to have been idle during his holiday, part of which was spent among the highest officials in Tokyo. Obviously, in the face of such increasing audacity as the Bias Bay "farmers" have shown, the British navy alone cannot handle the problem. All nations are concerned, none more than the Chinese, and the time has arrived when all must unite in a common effort to secure the freedom of China waters from pest which hitherto has baffled all attempts to eradicate it. Details of the plan are awaited with a good deal of curiosity, though it may be that secrecy is absolutely necessary for its success. Whatever its nature, any plan for putting an end to piracy in South China waters will be heartily welcomed.

U. S. GUNBOATS.

FIRST OF YANGTSE PATROL
ON HER TRIALS.

Shanghai, Dec. 16. Six river gunboats being built by the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works for the American Yangtse Patrol will soon be ready for putting into commission. The first of the six ships has been completed and is at present undergoing trials on the Yangtse. Another will be ready within the next five or six weeks, and it is understood that the four remaining vessels will be completed at the rate of one per month thereafter.

The new vessels are the Guam, Tutuilla, Samoa, Luzon, Mindanao and the Cebu. The Guam was completed some time ago and is being tested by a board of American naval officers, headed by Captain Wallace Bertholf, which arrived here from Manila some days ago.

Trials of the Guam are at present being made on the Yangtse river, and a radio message from the gunboat reported that she is proving satisfactory, and that her speed under trials is actually greater than that called for in the specifications. The trials started on Wednesday and will be continued to-day, after which the Guam will be turned over to American naval representatives who have arrived here.

Navy Board Here. The Navy Board sent from Manila to superintend the trials of the Guam and the other ships consists of Captain Wallace Bertholf, Lieutenant-Commander Adrian R. Marron, Lieutenant W. W. Pace and Ensign Edmund A. Cunningham. Officers have been ordered to the Guam for duty when she is ready.

The vessels comprising the present Yangtse patrol are the "Palos," "Monocracy," "Villalobos," "Elcana" and "Isabel." They are very old vessels and have been in commission many years. It is believed that when the six new gunboats are ready the old vessels will be taken out of commission and probably scrapped.

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H. C. Hudson, Mr. Leach and In-
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SILVER WEDDING.

HARLEY—FRASER.—On November 22, 1902, in Hong Kong Cathedral, William Frank Harley to Ethel Fraser.

DEATHS.

CRUCKSHANK.—On November 19, at Villa La Madeleine, Cannes, William Arthur Carruthers Cruckshank, formerly of Hong Kong, aged 67.

DONOVAN.—On November 19, at Shamrock, Parklands Avenue, Bognor, the beloved wife of J. P. Donovan, retired Commissioner Chinese Postal Administration.

GRAHAM.—On November 10, at Cheltenham, Catharine Hannah (Kate), widow of George Frederic Craham, I. M. Customs, Shanghai.

KIRKE.—On October 29, on board the P. & O. s.s. "Malwa," homeward bound, Mabel, wife of C. C. A. Kirke, C.B.E., lately H.M. Consul of Swatow.

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 23, 1927.

THE CASE FOR THE CONCESSIONS.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has again spoken on China in the House of Commons, and again has emphasised that the Government intend to proceed with the policy which was laid down a year ago, a policy which, theoretically ideal, is, in the opinion of Britons working and living in the country, going to involve distinct hardship in practice. In the House Sir Austen was questioned regarding the White Paper (published last week) in which the Government announced its decision to surrender the leases in the Chinese treaty ports conceded by the China Government between 1851 and 1861. Not a grain of comfort is to be derived from his reading of the decision and his statement

Mainly because of increases in the prices of eggs, the cost of living at Home advanced by two points in October.

According to reports from Basra, fifty persons, including twenty police, were murdered in the Wahab's raid on the Iraqui frontier police post.

PLAYING THE GAME

CHINESE AND ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

DUTY OF EUROPEANS.

By "Mentor."

Saturday after Saturday, as we see the huge crowds wending their way to the football matches, we wonder how all those Chinese spent their Saturday afternoons ten years ago. The great wall in England, that far too many people look on while only a sprinkling play, does not carry much weight here because, on Saturdays, all our pitches are utilised, and if a hundred more lads desired to play they would have to mark out makeshift pitches on the Wanchai reclamation or betake themselves to Aberdeen or Stanley for a piece of flat ground. So if we want more players we must have more playing fields. These great gatherings are of comparatively recent growth and are a sign that the Chinese are now aware of the value of outdoor games and bodily exercise. The beneficial effects are seen in the improved physique of many of the young Chinese. This is good, but there is a fly in the ointment, and the football boom is fraught with dangers.

Victory Not The Thing.

It has often been said that far too many of us set too much store on winning competitions instead of getting enjoyment, either as players or watchers, out of the games themselves. The game should be primary, the result secondary; but far too often the reverse is the case. Big crowds are largely responsible for this because they put a fictitious value on the competition, and, with their more psychology, engender barracking and all too audible criticism of the players and referee. If such sportsmanlike conduct came from only the rougher element of the Chinese spectators one might shrug one's shoulders and hope that in time those fanatics would drop such tunately, however, some Europeans are not altogether blameless, and this fact is greatly to be deplored.

Boorishness.

We have taught the Chinese how to play Association Football, and very apt pupils have they proved to be. We are proud of their skill, artistry and team work, and when they go to Shanghai or tour Australia we follow their doings as eagerly as we would an Interport side. But our tuition must not stop here. Just as the masters in the various schools have taught the Chinese scholars how to play, even so should European spectators show the Chinese spectators how to view a game sportingly. Some of the remarks we have heard in the local grandstands from Europeans are worthy of a frenzied pit-man or mill-worker at a "local derby" at home howling on his team to win by hook or by crook (that is putting it mildly) and thinking of the shilling or half-crown he has laid on the home side. Europeans here should be exempt from such boorishness.

Each should realise that, in a way, he is an ambassador, that he is one of the ruling minority, and that, though he suspects it not, his actions are being scrutinised. We know that it is impossible for

some persons to watch a game and keep cool; they must get excited, their pulse quickens and even though both teams are strangers to them they inevitably find their sympathy going to one lot of combatants.

There is nothing wrong in that, and in all probability these people derive more pleasure from watching a game than less highly strung phlegmatics do; but their eagerness should not blind them to the virtues of the other side, nor should it cause them to wink at questionable tactics indulged in by

their favourites and then howl in indignation, and very often execration, should the others retaliate. There is such a thing as "playing the game" in the stand as well as on the field.

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saw her chance and slipped out of

the house. She proceeded to a

neighbour's house where she gave

the alarm, and when she had suc-

ceeded in securing assistance and re-

turned to the house she found that

the robbers had run away. Her

grandmother was lying dead on the

floor, and by her side was knife with

which it was believed the old woman

had been butchered by the robbers.

The girl would not be able to

identify either of the robbers be-

cause they had painted their faces

black.

FAKED NOTES?

PHOTO ENGRAVER IN COURT.

A COPPER DESIGN.

Further evidence was taken by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning in the case in which a Chinese employee in the photographer department of the Commercial Press, Belcher Street, Kennedy Town, is charged with making a copper design of a \$5 note of the Central Bank of China; and three other men were charged with aiding and abetting him.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defence of the Commercial Press employee, whilst the other accused were defended by Mr. C. S. Hughes.

Apprentice's Evidence.

A young apprentice employed in the photographer department of the Commercial Press gave evidence this morning. He said that on November 22 at about 6 p.m. after he had had his food, the second accused asked him to accompany him to the Ming Sing Chong photog-

rapher's shop near the Central Market.

When they arrived, they found the first and third accused waiting outside the shop. Second accused remained outside with the others, and sent the witness in to call out a man named Kwan Man. They then went to Blaikie Pier where the second accused held a conversation in low tones with Kwan Man, and then all five adjourned to a tea house.

Here the second accused handed to Kwan Man a \$5 note of the Central Bank of China and asked him to make a photograph of it. Kwan Man asked for \$40 for the job, and after consulting Nos. 1 and 3, the accused agreed to pay the price asked by Kwan Man. Then No. 1 handed No. 2 a \$5 note of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and the latter gave this to Kwan Man as payment on account, promising to pay the balance of \$35 later on.

The next morning the witness was working on the verandah of the Commercial Press Building when he noticed Kwan Man coming along the street. Second accused who was on the adjoining verandah also saw Kwan Man and went down to meet him. They both disappeared round a corner and about five minutes later second accused returned to the works.

The case continued in the afternoon.

WOMAN KILLED.

ARMED ROBBERS' PALTRY HAUL.

The police have received the report of an armed robbery which was stated to have been committed by a Chinese man and a woman on Wednesday night at Saitwan, Cheungchau. The raid resulted in one of the victims being murdered, and the robbers got away with only two pieces of jewellery worth \$5.

At the time of the raid the only people in the house, which was unnumbered, were a 76-year-old Chinese woman and her grand-daughter. The story of how the old woman met her death was told to the police by the little girl.

The girl and her grandmother were sleeping when they were awakened at about 7.30 in the evening by the robbers breaking down the door. The old woman went out of the sleeping room to investigate and was roughly handled by the robbers, and when the girl rushed out a little later upon hearing groans of agony from her grandmother, she found that the latter was strangled by one of the intruders.

Place Ransacked.

The old woman pleaded for her life, telling the robbers to take every thing, and eventually the robbers released her after warning her not to make so much noise. Then the female robber entered the sleeping room and proceeded to ransack the place.

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floor, and by her side was knife with

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had been butchered by the robbers.

Keats, to be completely candid,

On the whole it seems to be—

Still, the dose that Keats demanded

Took a rather awkward shape;

What could carry round a beaker?

Of the warm, authentic South?

Rather let the sunshine seek

Pop a pill into his mouth.

Give me then, the sunshine pellet,

Never mind about the dose—

Tell me quickly where they sell it

That I may acquire a gross

With my own prescription daily

Shall the bottle then be decked—

To be took in dozen daily,

As the weather may direct—

RUSSIA'S CLAIM.

\$98,104 FROM LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

REBUFF TO SOVIET.

New York, Yesterday. The explosion of the "Black Tom" ammunition dump in New York harbour in 1914 was recalled to-day when a cheque for \$98,104 has paid in settlement of a suit for damages by the Kurensky Government of Russia against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for loss of the ammunition.

The cheque is payable to "Serge Ughot," whom the State Department recognised as plaintiff's representative in the United States.

The Soviet Government's motion for the appointment of a receiver to take over the fund was negative a month ago.—Reuter's American Service.

FRENCH FINANCE.

PROTECTIVE TARIFF ON OILS.

BUDGET DETAILS.

Paris, Yesterday.

The government measure revising the tariff on oils has been issued. It provides for protection to the extent of 39.98 francs per metric quintal of crude oil for French producers and 18.80 francs per 100 kilogrammes for medium crude oil for refiners.

The Senate by 273 votes to 17 passed the Budget form showing estimated receipts francs 42,497,000,000 francs, with an excess of receipts over expenditure of 196,000,000 francs.—Reuter.

WINTRY YULETIDE.

MINOR ACCIDENTS GENERAL IN EUROPE.

ICE-COATED STREETS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The number of persons treated in London hospitals for broken limbs and other casualties caused through falling on the ice-coated streets yesterday was even larger than already reported. Two thousand cases were treated at sixteen hospitals and they included some hundreds of cases of broken bones.

Press reporters indicate that many similar street accidents occurred in Paris and some German towns, where, as in London, rain fell while the ground temperature was still below freezing point.—British Wireless Service.

LATE MR. C. KLINK.

APPLICATION FOR WILL IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

In the United States Court for China, yesterday, Mr. F. J. Schuh presented the will of the late Mr. Charles Klink for probate, and informed Judge M. D. Purdy that an estate of about Tls. 200,000 has been left in Hong Kong, and about Tls. 15,000 in Shanghai. Mr. R. T. Bryan, Jr., represented a daughter of deceased in Manila.

Judge Purdy ordered the usual publication of citations for three weeks.

Mr. Schuh requested the Court's permission to question Mr. S. H. Lewis, who drew up the will, as the latter intended leaving for Penang before the end of the year.

Permission being granted, Mr. Lewis said that he drew up the will in January, this year, whilst deceased was confined in the Victoria Nursing Home. At all times his mind seemed clear, whilst witness took instructions.

Reverting to his Honour, witness said that deceased died in September, this year.

Mr. Bryan elicited from witness that deceased left hospital before he died, and that Captain Messer, husband of one daughter, who is to receive a large part of the income, asked witness to call on the late Mr. Charles Klink. According to the provisions of the will, a son in America is to receive Hk. \$12,000, there is a trust fund of Hk. \$50,000 for a blind son in Hong Kong, of the residue council's client has a life interest in one-quarter, her son to have the principal on her death, whilst Mrs. Messer is to receive three-quarters of the residue. Witness also told the Court that there had been a former will, which deceased, after adding a codicil, destroyed.

His Honour overruled Mr. Bryan's questions regarding the provisions of the destroyed document and the case was adjourned.

Edward Lloyd, aged 81, a miner, was at Durham Assizes sentenced to death for the murder of Police Constable Matthew Stranghan at Liberty-villas, North Hylton, on June 28. The jury added to their verdict a strong recommendation to mercy.

A FATAL "SPIN."

INQUEST ON DEAD AIR MECHANIC.

FURTHER EVIDENCE.

Further evidence was heard by Mr. W. Schofield and a Coroner's jury at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon in the inquiry into the death of Leading Aircraftman French of the R.A.F., who was killed on the night of December 10 as the result of an accident whilst out for a spin with Mr. D. S. Pethick in the latter's Harley-Davidson motor cycle combination.

Sub-Inspector Phillips spoke about Mr. Pethick's condition when he reported the accident at the police station. The witness said that Mr. Pethick appeared dazed and had abrasions on his left leg and his trousers were torn. He was covered with red earth. The witness added that Mr. Pethick was not drunk.

The witness then spoke about the finding of the body in Prince Edward Road, and said that he searched it later at the mortuary and removed several personal articles from the pockets.

Flying Officer Fowler: Why was the body not searched before it was handed over to a Chinaman in the Mortuary?

Witness: The body was sent to the Kowloon Hospital and I had no opportunity of searching it. The hospital authorities sent it to the Mortuary.

In reply to the Coroner's witness said that there were no signs of Mr. Pethick having had any drink.

A Missing Lamp.

A contractor's coolie employed to watch the parts of Prince Edward Road which were under repair, said that during his period of watch from 6 p.m. to midnight, it was his duty to see that the danger lights were burning.

His Worship: Where did you spend most of your time? In a marshalled or sitting down?

Witness: I was walking about and standing around all the time. I had not time to sit down.

How many times did you visit the lamps?—Five or six times.

Continuing, witness said that the lights burned brightly until on one occasion when he visited the obstacle where the accident happened. One of the lights was missing. The other was still alight. The missing lamp was replaced.

When the witness replaced the missing lamp, he did not see anybody or vehicle on the road, and he noticed nothing unusual except that a cross board seemed slightly out of position.

Earth Not There.

Mr. F. E. Lawrence, overseer of the Public Works Department, said that he examined the work which was being carried out at the place where the accident occurred. It was the construction of a storm water drain from Waterloo Road extension to the Mongkok nullah. Witness visited these works almost daily.

Prior to the accident witness had only passed the place at night when the work was first started. He had visited the spot since the tragedy and found that there were four lamps on the obstacle at night.

Referring to the earth on the roadway, witness said that it was not there when he last visited the place.

Continuing witness said that his instructions were that roads could be safely opened up to a minimum width of ten and a half feet, which was sufficiently wide for the fire engines to pass.

The inquiry was again adjourned.

MYSTERY & DRAMA.

THE CHINESE PARROT" AT THE QUEEN'S.

Again have the Hong Kong Amusements Company scored a brilliant success in the art (or is it science?) of picture picking. At the Queen's they are now screening a photoplay full of drama and mystery and intense human interest called "The Chinese Parrot."

The scenery, too, is beautiful. The story hinges around a string of pearls, "tears of the ocean," and the efforts of crooks to obtain them. The central character is Charlie Chan, a Chinese detective from Honolulu, a part played by K. Sojin, though better-known name in the cast are Marion Nixon, Florence Turner, Hobart Bosworth (who doubles two of the leading characters) and Edmund Burns. The picture drew crowded houses yesterday, and will be shown to-day and to-morrow.

There is a sparkling "Felix" cartoon and a Paramount news-reel also in the programme.

A settlement was reached of the action before Mr. Justice Astbury by Mr. G. W. Peachey, a director of the Arsenal Football Club Ltd., against the three other directors of the club. Mr. Peachey agreed to resign "here and now" defendants undertaking to pay his taxed costs in that action, and in another action in Mr. Justice Clauson's list all further proceedings being stayed.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

CHRISTIE AND BLUHM IN COURT AGAIN.

RESERVISTS' EVIDENCE.

The hearing was begun by Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon in the case in which James Christie and Christopher Bluhm who were recently discharged by Mr. R. E. Lindell on a charge of alleged traffic in morphine, are indicted on a fresh charge of criminal conspiracy to defraud Au. Yeung Kin Heng, the Chinese Police Reservist who was introduced to the accused by Leslie Ernest Haynes as a merchant from Malaya and a prospective buyer of the drug.

The whole of yesterday's sitting was taken up in the hearing of the evidence of Au. Yeung who repeated the story he told before Mr. Lindell when the accused were charged under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance.

He explained how he was introduced to Haynes by the police and afterwards taken by Haynes to the accused's office at No. 480, Nathan Road where the first question Christie asked him was "You wanchee morph?"

The witness, by arrangement with the police, pretended that he did not understand English, and his discussion with Christie about prices was interpreted by a man named Kay. The witness was sure that throughout the discussion the Chinese word meaning oil was never used by Kay. Kay also never mentioned morphine to the witness.

The phrase he used in reference to the subject of the discussion was "ko to fo" meaning "that cargo." The witness understood, however, that morphine was referred to because before Kay's arrival, Christie had used the word "morph" to the witness.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII."

The Last Days of Pompeii, one of the most spectacular films ever produced, depicting the eruption of Vesuvius and the destruction of the city of Pompeii, will be shown at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The picture cost \$100,000 to make, required a year to complete, and employed 45,000 persons.

Cinema-goers are reminded that, owing to the length of the picture, screening begins promptly at the advertised time. The orchestra plays at 5 and 9.30 and an intermission attends at 2.30 and 7.15.

AT THE STAR.

The picture at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow is "Wandering Husbands," a domestic drama with an unusual climax. The leading players are James Kirkwood, Lila Lee, and Margaret Livingston.

HOW CHINA STANDS.

PRESS-COMMENTS UPON YANG YU-TING'S STATEMENTS.

That the Tanaka Ministry opened negotiations for solving the pending questions on Manchuria and Mongolia with the Generalissimo Office, Peking, means a recognition of its sovereignty over Manchuria and Mongolia. The same recognition is the first expression of the Ministry's good will to the Generalissimo Office. It is intended to settle all the long pending issues with the same good will, wedded to the reciprocal good will expected from the Generalissimo Office, in order to substantiate the Sino-Japanese solidarity, as a common motto of the two peoples' runs.

The Generalissimo Office, Peking, interprets this as an act of aggression, and at the start, without stopping to weigh things carefully, incited the populace in the Three Eastern Provinces to rise against the Peking negotiations, and on realising the futility of such move, Yang Yu-ting's statement made its appearance, only to court the righteous indignation of the Japanese officials and people, at the risk of forfeiting the good will of the Tanaka Ministry for the Generalissimo Office, Peking.

General Yang's statement has not only roused ill-feeling in Japan, but also in the West, in particular in the United States.

The most influential journals have arrayed themselves as it by concert against the General's statement. Setting aside the accuracy of this almost concerted attack, we feel flattered to notice in these attacks words appreciative of Japan's activities in Manchuria and Mongolia, including those of the S.M.R. Co.

Among these passages we find: "Japan of to-day is not ambitious to strengthen her political foothold in Manchuria and Mongolia," another runs: "What has made Manchuria what it is now is through Japan's effort, and those who are benefited thereby are China and the Chinese." A third states: "No capitalistic people on earth will care to invest in China at present, but Japan's investments for developing Manchuria and Mongolia may be regarded as quite another matter." Still another opines that "China need not ask wherefrom the capital has come as long as Japan's enterprises in Manchuria are for opening up China." We might be permitted to quote a few more. Another states: "The Generalissimo Office may hope to retain its influence in China by securing Japan's trust and concert." There is still another that "compares any attempt on China's part to discredit Japan in the eyes of the United States through Yang's statement to an effort to change the

earth's orbit around the sun."

The above are only fragmentary extracts of the comments in the foreign newspapers.

We might rest satisfied with such a wide appreciation of Japan's sacrifices paid in Manchuria and Mongolia in the cause of the peace of the Orient for such long years of the past. They have been sacrifices really worth paying. Yang himself might not have made such a statement, if only he had had a good understanding of this.—Y.T. in "Manchuria Daily News."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Last Days of Pompeii."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Chinese Parrot."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Wandering Husbands."

To-day—Tea-dance, Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m., dinner dance, 8 p.m.

To-day—Grand Concert at the City Hall under the auspices of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., 7 p.m.

December 24—Dinner dance at King Edward Hotel, 8.30 to midnight.

December 25-26—Star Theatre; "I. N. R. I."

December 25-26—World Theatre; "The Palm Beach Girl."

December 25-28—Queen's Theatre; "The Kid Brother."

December 27-28—World Theatre; "Tin Hats."

December 27-28—Star Theatre; "The Lucky Lady."

December 29-31—Queen's Theatre; "Resurrection."

December 29-31—World Theatre; "Aloma of the South Seas."

December 29-31—Star Theatre; "Padlocked."

December 31—New Year's Eve dance at King Edward Hotel, from 8.30 to midnight.

Sports.

December 24—Hong Kong Football Association holiday matches, H.K. Club ground, 3.45 p.m.

December 24—Christmas meeting of the Fanling Hunt at Kwantung.

December 25—International football match for "Sunday Herald Cup": Scotland v. Portugal, 3.45 p.m.

December 25—Sunday Herald International Charity Cup Competition: Scotland v. Portugal, H.K. Club ground, 3.45 p.m.

December 26—Fanling Hunt meet for December Cup, at Mr. Potts' bungalow, 11 a.m.

December 27—Football match: England v. S. China, H.K. Club ground, 3.45 p.m.

Meeting.

January 7—Meeting of Creditors of the Prince's Bldg. & Land Co., Ltd., 6 Des Vaux Road Central, noon.

Miscellaneous.

December 29—Presentation to the Rev. Copley Moyle at reception in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6-6 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. G. W. A. Trimmer, General Manager of the Harbour Boards, arrived in Penang on a visit of inspection.

Mr. F. Duxbury, of Messrs. Kennedy Burkhill & Co., Singapore, returned from leave by the "Mores."

Admiral Yany Shu-chwang, Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist naval forces, has left Shanghai for Nanking.

One thousand suits of cotton uniforms were sent to "Kashin" from Shanghai for the Nationalist troops there.

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Batavia on account of cholera have been removed.

Mr. K. Wakasugi, Secretary to the Japanese Foreign Office at Tokyo, has been making an official visit to Hong Kong.

Mr. T. H. Coombs, of the General Post Office, Penang, has gone on three months' leave, prior to retirement after 21 years' service.

Mr. E. H. Bulford, of Messrs. A. A. Anthony and Co., Penang, was among those who returned from Home leave by the "Mores."

Canon Archibald Hill, vicar and rural dean of Hove, Sussex, was married to Miss Marjory Cooper, who for 6 years acted as his secretary.

The Nationalist Government at Nanking has telegraphed to General Chen Chien to take over the provincial administration in Huph as soon as possible.—"Kuo Wen."

A 17-year-old Chinese girl committed suicide yesterday afternoon by jumping into the harbour from the Macao wharf. She sank immediately and her body has not yet been recovered.

The latest examination for admission to the London Police Force requires the candidate, among many other things, to write an account of steamship route from London to Hong Kong.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield imposed a fine of \$5 of seven days' jail on a Chinese who travelled by train from Fanling to Kowloon on Wednesday, without purchasing a ticket.

A coolie was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a fractured leg caused by being knocked down by a public motor car in Des Voeux Road West, at the corner of Western Street.

Mr. Li Ping-shu, a noted member of the gentry in Shanghai, has died at Kungshan. Mr. Li has recently been the Chairman of the Chinese Municipal Councillors, and is a well-known social worker.—"Kuo Wen."

As the result of being assaulted by two unknown men who subsequently escaped, a Chinese was yesterday afternoon removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries which necessitated medical attention.

Though the date for the Coronation Ceremony was at first fixed as November 8, 1928, the date of the Coronation has been changed to November 10, in view of the fact that the Meiji-setu (the Emperor Meiji Festivity) falls on November 3, stated a "Toto" report from Tokyo.

Yesterday afternoon a Chinese woman suffered injuries to her head when she was knocked down at the junction of Des Voeux Road West and Centre Street by a motor cycle which was being ridden by Mr. E. Tuck, of the Fire Brigade. She was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

As already reported, a Chinese boatman was arrested on board the s.s. "Chenoccaut" for the unlawful possession of one revolver, two automatics, three magazines and five ammunition clips. He was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when after it was stated that the accused was arrested as he was leaving the ship on Wednesday, a week's remand was given for the case to be heard by two Magistrates.

A French historical mystery 112 years old has now been solved. A silver model of a French man-of-war, the Ville de Paris, disappeared from Napoleon's Court after Waterloo. It was recently bought by a collector of curios, having been found at Bristol, and was exhibited with other models at the Ackermann Galleries, London. A French visitor who saw it there informed the authorities in France who desire the model for the Louvre. The model graced the Court of Marie Antoinette, but disappeared during the revolution. Later it was discovered, and presented by the citizens of Paris to Napoleon when he was First Consul. Refugees from the French Court secretly brought it to England, and eventually sold it.

Lord Bearsted is one of the two new wardens of the Spectacle Makers' Company.

Mrs. C. C. Newson returned to Shanghai on December 12, after a prolonged tour of Europe and England.

The Lester Chinese Hospital gratefully acknowledges receipt of \$2,000 from the Shanghai Race Club.

General G. A. L. Dumont, military attaché at the French Embassy at Washington, a passenger on the "President Taft" making a tour of the world.

The Queen of Norway on November 16 visited Mr. W. W. Reville-Terry, at 50, Grosvenor Street, to view his Chinese collection of objets d'art.

Mr. T. B. Belajoe, Far Eastern Manager for Dodge Brothers, returned to Shanghai on the "President Pierce" from a business trip in Hong Kong.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Humphrey return to Shanghai from the United States on the "President Taft." Mr. Humphrey is connected with the Standard Oil Company.

Mr. J. Gordon Carrie, Deputy Controller of Rubber, Singapore, arrived back from Home leave by the "Mores," with his wife, to whom he was married on June 16 at Bolton.

The Labour and Agriculture Department of the Shanghai Kuo-min-tang is reported to have issued a manifesto asking workers not to strike as such action encourages Communist agitators in Shanghai.

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Mr. Chen Lu, Chinese Minister in Paris, has been appointed Chinese delegate to the League of Nations.

The Polish Committee acknowledged with thanks the generous donation of \$1,000 from the Stewards of the Shanghai Race Club.

Mr. C. E. Wurtzberg, of Mansfield and Co., Singapore, and Mrs. Wurtzberg returned to Singapore by the "Antenor" after a holiday at home.

Mr. J. S. Potter, of the Asia Realty Company, together with Mrs. Potter and family, have returned to Shanghai after a vacation spent in California.

Mr. and Mrs. G. de la T. B. Fitzgerald have arrived in Bangkok. Mr. Fitzgerald relieves Mr. J. Dunn, of the Hong Kong Bank, who goes on Home leave in January.

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SATURDAY AND MONDAY GAMES.

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INTERNATIONALS FOR THE "SUNDAY HERALD" CUP.

[By "The Rover."]

The League Programme for Saturday is limited owing to the Interport Trial v. The Navy on the Club Ground which should be worth seeing. The matches for Saturday are as follows:—

Club Ground.

Interport XI v. Royal Navy, kick off 3.45 p.m.

Hong Kong League Division I, kick off 4.00 p.m.

Queen's Regt. v. South China, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

Hong Kong League Division A, Junior.

South China v. Hong Kong Club Res., Sookumpoo.

Kowloon Res. v. Chinese Athletic, Kowloon A.F.C.

Hong Kong League Division B, Junior.

Boy Scouts v. South China, South China Ground, Valley.

Kung Woo v. Chinese Athletic, Yaumati.

Friendly Match, kick off 4.00 p.m.

Kowloon v. H.M.S. "Hawkins," Kowloon A.F.C.

Although the League programme is curtailed, we have two great matches arranged for the Holidays on Monday and Tuesday which are as follow:—

"Sunday Herald" Charity Cup,

Monday, Dec. 26.

Scotland v. Portugal, Club

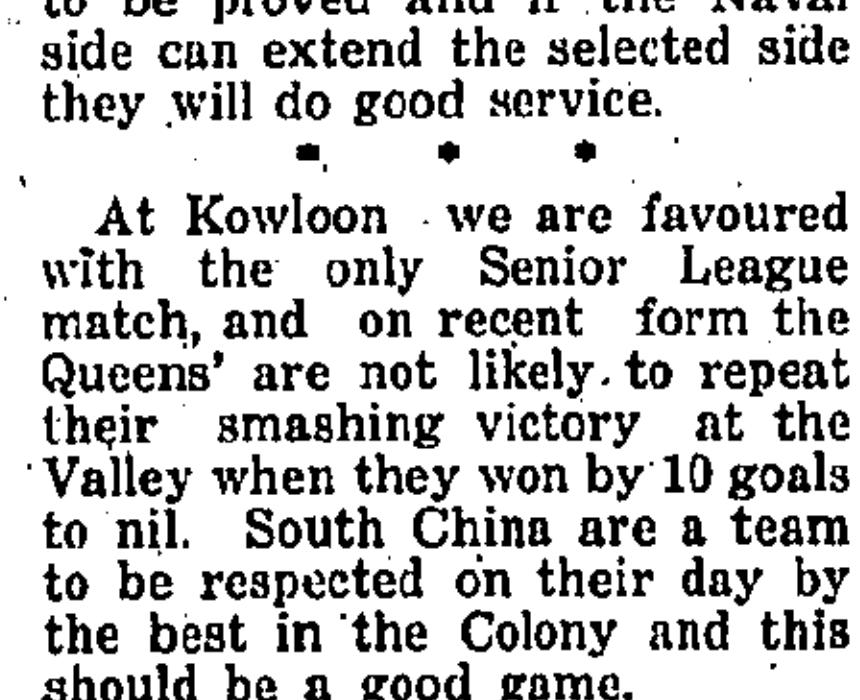
Ground, Valley, kick off 3.45.

Tuesday, Dec. 27.

England v. China, Club Ground,

Valley, kick off 3.45.

Chief interest on Saturday will centre in the match on the Club Ground when the Interport team meets the Royal Navy and if the latter side can hold the Interport forward line at full strength they will be a good team. If the Interport team play as selected. I don't think any team the Navy can select at present will get within three goals of our probable representatives, but that has to be proved and if the Naval side can extend the selected side they will do good service.



Amos Alois Stagg, football coach of the University of Chicago. Stagg is one of the famous coaches of America.

Tuesday will be regarded as a real test of strength all round. Earlier in the season I predicted that the Chinese Athletic will only be beaten by a team of eleven good players strong in every position, and it is hoped the English side will take the field in good form, despite the festive season, all out for real hard afternoon's work. Their opponents will leave nothing to chance, but if the English side play up to their Club form and reputation, they should be on the right side at the finish. Their only weakness should be in combination, in which their opponents excel, but this the English side should counteract by experience. Hong Kong charities should greatly benefit by this fine series of matches.

Kowloon are staging a friendly with H.M.S. "Hawkins" and although several of the ship's team will no doubt be assisting the Naval XI at the Valley, this should provide a good match for Kowloon spectators.

The chief interest in the Holiday programme, however, is reserved for Monday and Tuesday, when Scotland's selected will meet Portugal's selected, and England's selected will also meet China. These games will be especially keen and interesting, as the issue at stake is the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup, and on both days there are sure to be great crowds. The matches are in the nature of international contests, and as such create great interest. The chosen of Scotland present a formidable team and the eleven consist of K.O.S.B. Regt. (5), Scots Guards (3) and Club (3) and should render a good account of themselves, whereas Portugal will be represented by practically a Club de Recreio side, as all the Portuguese players of the Colony aspire to a position in the King's Park Team. It is hoped that Gosano, Brown, Remedios and the remaining "injuries" of the Recreio team will be fit and on view as then we shall have a fine game and very open one.

The great game, however, should be on Tuesday when England oppose China, and China will be practically if not entirely China Athletic. This should be a great game, and I like the look of the English side, particularly forward. If this English side disappoints on Tuesday we shall perhaps have to raise our hats to the Athletic, because with North, Vernon, and Leech inside forwards, there is no Club team can put a side like this in the field, whilst on either side of these admittedly good forwards there is a good wing in Larking and Heridge.

KOWLOON F.C. v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

The following have been selected to play in a friendly game with a team from H.M.S. "Hawkins" tomorrow (Saturday), at the Kowloon ground. Kick off at 4 p.m.

Kowloon F.C.—Angus; Wheeler;

Dodonah; Guest, Duncan, Hedley;

Pile, May, Vickars, Tierman, Miles.

KOWLOON 2ND XI. v. CHINESE ATHLETIC.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI, in their League match v. the Chinese Athletic on Saturday at the Kowloon ground. Kick off at 2.30 p.m.:—Slipper; Bliss; Pasco; Blacklock; Skinner; Dunnnett; Coates, Clark, Sparry, Muir, Eastman. Reserves: Roberts and Nicholls.

SQUASH RACKETS.

LIEUT. SANDERSON RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Rugby. Yesterday.

Lieutenant Sanderson retained the Royal Navy and Royal Marines squash rackets championship to-day when he beat Surgeon Lieutenant Commander Mackellar in the final—British Wireless Service.

CRICKET.

M.C.C. TOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ANOTHER MATCH DRAWN.

Benoni, Yesterday. A two-days match here was drawn.

The South African eleven scored 86. Hammond took 6 wickets for 32.

The M.C.C. replied with 323, of which Holmes made 128 and Hammond 61.

In their second innings the South African team scored 305 for nine wickets. Trotter scored 76.—Reuter.

"CAMBRIDGE" DEFEATS DARK BLUES.

WALLINGTON SHINES.

In the annual Inter-Varsity cricket match, played yesterday on the Club ground, "Cambridge" beat "Oxford" by 99 runs. H. G. Wallington made an excellent 81, Dale was undefeated for 56, Hugh Jones scored 40 and both Sayer and Hawkins made 39.

Details:—

"Cambridge."

H. G. Wallington (Downing), c Sayer, b Venn 81

S. C. Wu (St. Catherine's), b Sayer 18

Capt. J. Drysdale (Jesus), c and b Venn 19

F. O. Dale (Christ), not out 56

E. W. Hamilton (Sidney Sussex), c Forster, b Venn 1

T. D. E. Pendered (Caius), c Forster, b Sayer 17

G. S. Hugh Jones (Selwyn), st. Usher, b Sayer 40

Extras b, 6; lb, 1; w, 1; n.b. 5 18

Total (for 6 wkt., innings declared closed) 245

J. Burrow (Caius), F. Syme (Tomson (Clare), R. E. Lindsell (King's), and Y. S. Wan (King's) did not bat.

Fall of wickets:—1-65; 2-129;

3-139; 4-140; 5-160; 6-245.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

*Hollis 3 0 19 0

Sayer 14 0 108 2

Forster 6 0 27 0

†Hawkins 3 1 12 0

Wood 2 0 18 0

Venn 8 1 48 3

*Bowled 5 no balls.

†Bowled 1 wide.

"Oxford."

G. R. Sayer (Queen's), b Drysdale 39

R. T. Venn (Lincoln), c Dale b Hamilton 10

H. L. Graham (Magdalen), b Dale 8

A. E. Wood (Univ.), b Drysdale 18

F. C. S. Usher (Ch. Ch.), c Dale, b Hamilton 13

B. C. K. Hawkins (Herford), b Wallington 39

R. H. Hollis, (Worcester), c Lindsell, b Wallington 1

B. R. Forster (Univ.), not out 11

W. T. Featherstone (Wadham), b Wallington, b Dale 1

N. Evans (Queen's), st. Lindsell, b Dale 4

I. Wynne Jones (Jesus), b Dale 0

Extras: b, 8 8

Total 146

Fall of wickets:—1-36; 2-50;

3-66; 4-75; 5-101; 6-119; 7-134;

8-135; 9-139; 10-146.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

Pendered 6 0 27 0

Hamilton 10 0 46 2

Dale 7.1 0 27 4

Drysdale 8 1 19 2

Wallington 4 1 19 2

*Bowled 1 wide.

Umpires:—A. R. Phillips (Queen's Oxford); F. H. T. Trayes (Caius, Cambridge).

Scorer:—H. C. Lee, (B.N.C. Oxford).

K.C.C. and H.M.S. "ARGUS" DRAW.

The Kowloon Cricket Club drew with H.M.S. "Argus" yesterday, the naval men making 205 runs for four wickets and declaring. The Club scored 164 for six, Sarge. Lugg scored 85 not out, and Lt. Cecil 65 for the "Argus" whilst Pay-Lt. Cdr. Shaw was top scorer for the Club with 74. Loyal made 37.

Details:—

H.M.S. "Argus."

Lt.-Cdr. J. F. W. Hawkins, b Murray 9

Sarge. Lugg, not out 89

Lt. R. Cecil, b Bevis, b Murray 65

Lt. L. B. A. Majendie, c Loyal, b Murray 5

Rev. E. S. Wyatt, run out 0

L.Cdr. J. W. H. Tansley, not out 26

Extras 11

Total (for 4 wkt., dec.) 205

Lt.-Cdr. H. J. Moore, Surgt.-Cdr. H. M. Langdale, Lt.-Cdr. A. T. Thomson, Tel. H. G. Wood and Lt. F. O. F. Price did not bat.

KOWLOON 2ND XI. v. CHINESE ATHLETIC.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI, in their League match v. the Chinese Athletic on Saturday at the Kowloon ground. Kick off at 2.30 p.m.:—Slipper; Bliss; Pasco; Blacklock; Skinner; Dunnnett; Coates, Clark, Sparry, Muir, Eastman. Reserves: Roberts and Nicholls.

SQUASH RACKETS.

LIEUT. SANDERSON RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

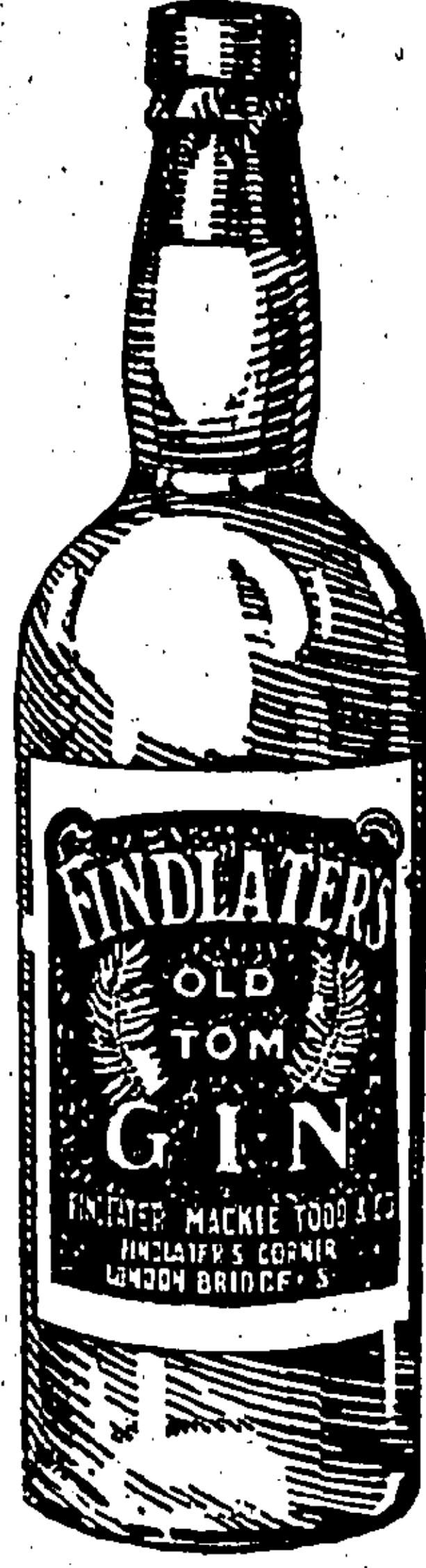
Rugby. Yesterday.

Lieutenant Sanderson retained the Royal Navy and Royal Marines squash rackets championship to-day when he beat Surgeon Lieutenant Commander Mackellar in the final—British Wireless Service.

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DOG RACING.

CABINET AND THE BETTING EVIL.

SLUMP IN SHARES.

Rugby. Yesterday.

An undertaking that the Cabinet would consider the whole question of greyhound racing was given last night by Sir William Joynson Hicks, who received a deputation on this subject, representing three political parties and introduced by Mr. John Thomas, Labourite. The Deputation laid before the Home Secretary the anxiety felt regarding the growth of betting, particularly among youths which took place on dog races. Mr. Joynson Hicks said he shared the deputation's anxiety concerning the effects of the enormous extension of the new sport, but the Government had to be fully satisfied as to its evil results before interfering.

Regarding juvenile betting he had, however, directed an investigation as to the Home Secretary's powers to deal with it. If legislation was necessary he would have an opportunity to protect minors next year in a new bill relating to children.

On the broad question, the whole matter would have to be considered by the Government in the moral and material interests of the community generally.

He gave a warning hint to those investing money in the new undertakings to promote greyhound racing in various parts of the country, that its development had been so sudden and so extensive that any government must give serious attention to it. He promised a fuller statement of government policy when the House of Commons re-assembled in February.—British Wireless Service.

Shares Affected.

Rugby. Later.

The shares of greyhound racecourse companies slumped heavily

on the Stock Exchange as a result

of the statement made by the Home Secretary that restrictive legislation might be considered by the Government.—British Wireless Service.

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MUSIC FROM AIR.
HANDS THAT PLAY WITHOUT AN INSTRUMENT.

In the Bechstein Hall in Berlin, a florid and hideous place where Johannes Brahms and Anton Rubinstein have played, I have listened to the strangest concert of all time (writes Philip Page, in the "Evening Standard").

Miraculous is an overworked adjective these days, but to music that comes from no instrument and no voice, that is neither heard over the wireless nor the result of a gramophone record it is surely applicable.

The quality of the music matters little, and those who produced it were careful to explain that they were primarily scientists, and not musicians. There was no showmanship, and no deliberately cultivated atmosphere of mystery. Prospero's Isle was far distant, but not, it seemed, his magic, and one did in truth ask, "Where should this music be, 't' the air or the earth?"

A Professor from Leningrad.

The music was produced by a man in a dinner jacket—Professor Theremin, a Russian, from the Physikalisch-Technischen Institute, Leningrad. His knowledge of German was peculiar, but not extensive, and a long "vorspiel" was delivered by a German friend. This was an explanation of the technical basis of this "etherwellen-musik," and I will refer to it later.

What Professor Theremin did was, in short, to make music with his hands, with hands that touched nothing that mortal eye could see. He plucked, not at a harp, but at the air. With his right hand shaking a non-existent "plectrum," and his left moving slowly up and down in space to regulate the changes from "piano" to "forte," he "played" simple melodies—"Connais-tu le pays?" from "Mignon," Saint-Saens' "Le Cygne," Shubert's "Ave Maria"—with a tone like that of a violin, though rather more rounded and hornlike.

Between each piece he explained haltingly, that the rendering might not have been technically imperfect, but that it came from the air, and from nowhere else. He was obviously sincere and truthful; but had he been the reverse, the array of eminent German scientists and professors would have discovered any charlatanism by the sheer force of dome-like foreheads and intent expressions of Teutonic intellectuality to the nth degree.

Einstein Present.

Einstein was there, gifting the right German word when the lecturer faltered, and applauding—a sad-faced man in a dark grey suit. Gerhart Hauptmann, robust and rubicund, nodded approval. Among the many musicians were Leo Slezak, the Wagnerian tenor, and Bruno Walter, the conductor.

"Where the professor is leading us to," Walter said to me after the demonstration, "I can hardly think until I have viewed the whole position, calmly and alone. Music without instruments! A voice that is no voice! The thing is in its infancy, of course—but a formidable infant."

To the student of Hertzian waves this "air music" is, possibly, not quite so formidable a problem, Professor Theremin generates these waves in a small wooden box, from which projects a brass rod about a foot long. He touches neither the box nor the rod. The waves are there and by agitating them a high note or a low note is produced. To produce these notes and even a definite tune is not at all difficult.

My knowledge of science simply does not exist, but I found it easy to follow the professor's example, and, with no discourteous intention, I shook out "Home, sweet home" from the air—a most uncanny experience.

The Limitations.

At present the limitations of this mystery music are:

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Its astounding novelty consists in the fact that for the first time in history music (other than vocal music) is divorcing itself from mechanical means. The air, not an instrument, is played upon. Moreover, anyone without any technical knowledge is able by this means to produce music comparable in its beauty of tone to that which the skilled player of an instrument may take years to attain, and this not by switching on the wireless, putting on a gramophone record, or sitting down at a piano. It is indeed a revolution.

SCREENINGS.

Notorious persons and undesirable stories are kept out of the movies by means of co-operative arrangement between the individual producer and the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, according to Will Hays.

Asked how it happened that several notorious characters had failed to appear in the movies after announcing "fabulous" offers from the producers, Hays said: "The Motion Picture Producers and Distributors do not censor stories, nor bar anybody from pictures."

"If any producer of our group is offered the picture rights to a book or play about which he has any doubt—I mean as to its propriety for general showing—he notifies this office. If the association agrees with the producer it would be unwise to picturise the subject, the producer refrains from doing so."

"In this way not only are certain subjects failing to reach the public through the screen, but it is possible that literature itself may be raised in moral tone because authors want their works to be picturised."

San Francisco will furnish the background for Mary Pickford's new picture, "My Best Girl." The story was written by Kathleen Norris after a suggestion by Miss Pickford, and the heroine is a girl clerk in a 5 and 10 cent store.



There is a chance that Miss Pickford will choose a girl from each of the 5 and 10 cent stores in the city to appear in "My Best Girl," providing that suitable types can be found and that the stores co-operate in the plan.

A big feature these days is apt to be followed by a comedy burlesque film on the same order. "The Half Back of Notre Dame," patterned after "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," and "Bull and Sand," modelled on Ibanez' famous "Blood and Sand," are cases in point.

An epidemic of strange licence plates broke loose in Los Angeles recently and the police stopped 200 automobiles with plates which came from no known part of the world. The cars were lined along the curb for almost a half hour, before police officials could check up the story told by the man in charge of the strangely licensed caravan. Inquiry revealed that the cars were used by F. W. Murnau while making "Sunrise" for Fox. In the picture there is a city which represents a big town, but is purposely not identified as belonging to any particular country. The autos naturally had plates which were just as cosmopolitan. The man in charge had forgotten to remove these when he entered Los Angeles. The chief of police finally found "Old Man Absent Minded" guilty of the violation and cleared up the situation by placing an officer on the leading car to take the procession through the city.

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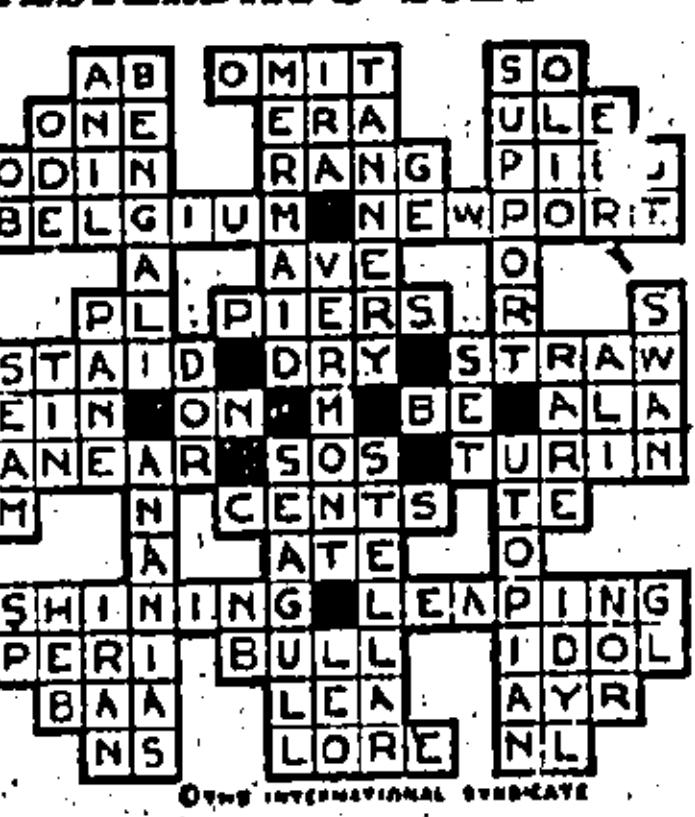
Dorothy Revier, talented and beauty star of the Master Pictures "Stolen Pleasure," is one of the most admired of screen women. Previous to being chosen for a screen career Miss Revier studied the art of, and appeared in Russian ballet dancing. During the past season Alexander Neville, celebrated American portrait painter, was commissioned to choose 25 of the most beautiful types among screen women to decorate the Salon d'Art at the Sesquicentennial Exposition at Philadelphia. Miss Revier's colourful type was the first to win favour with the artist, and so it was that the black-haired, grey-eyed screen star and daughter of California was chosen, not alone as a member of a group of beautiful women to decorate the hall of screen beauty, but also to represent her State as California's typical beauty for the year of 1926. This is the fourth time that she has been the winning choice in beauty contests.

Ben Turpin recently burlesqued the whole school of Graustarkian toy kingdom romances in a slapstick comedy. William Franey, recently returned to the Universal banner as an actor of Reginald Denny's "I'll Be There," recalls what he claims was the first of the Joker series put out by Universal twelve years or more ago, shortly after an early "mammoth feature production" of Jules Verne's classic, "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea." It was a bathing girl comedy called "Twenty Thousand Legs Under the Sea."

Alma Rubens was born in San Francisco, California. When a child Alma had dreams of seeing her name in electric lights as a dramatic star. Her dolls invariably were named after leading actors and actresses. Miss Rubens' first screen appearance was with Douglas Fairbanks as his leading lady in "The Half-Breed." She is one of the few stars who has never had the fatiguing experience of "gate crashing" as an extra. All her knowledge of the technique of the screen has been learned in leading roles. The charming actress left California after her picture with Mr. Fairbanks and visited many parts of the world; including Canada, England, Germany, France and the Orient, to broaden her outlook and assist in the visualisation of her roles. Miss Rubens is interested in short story writing; and particularly in simplicity of style and the beauty of words which express unaffectedly the thought of the writer. Her first role this season is in the Fox production "Marriage Licence." She has just finished her role in "The Heart of Salome."

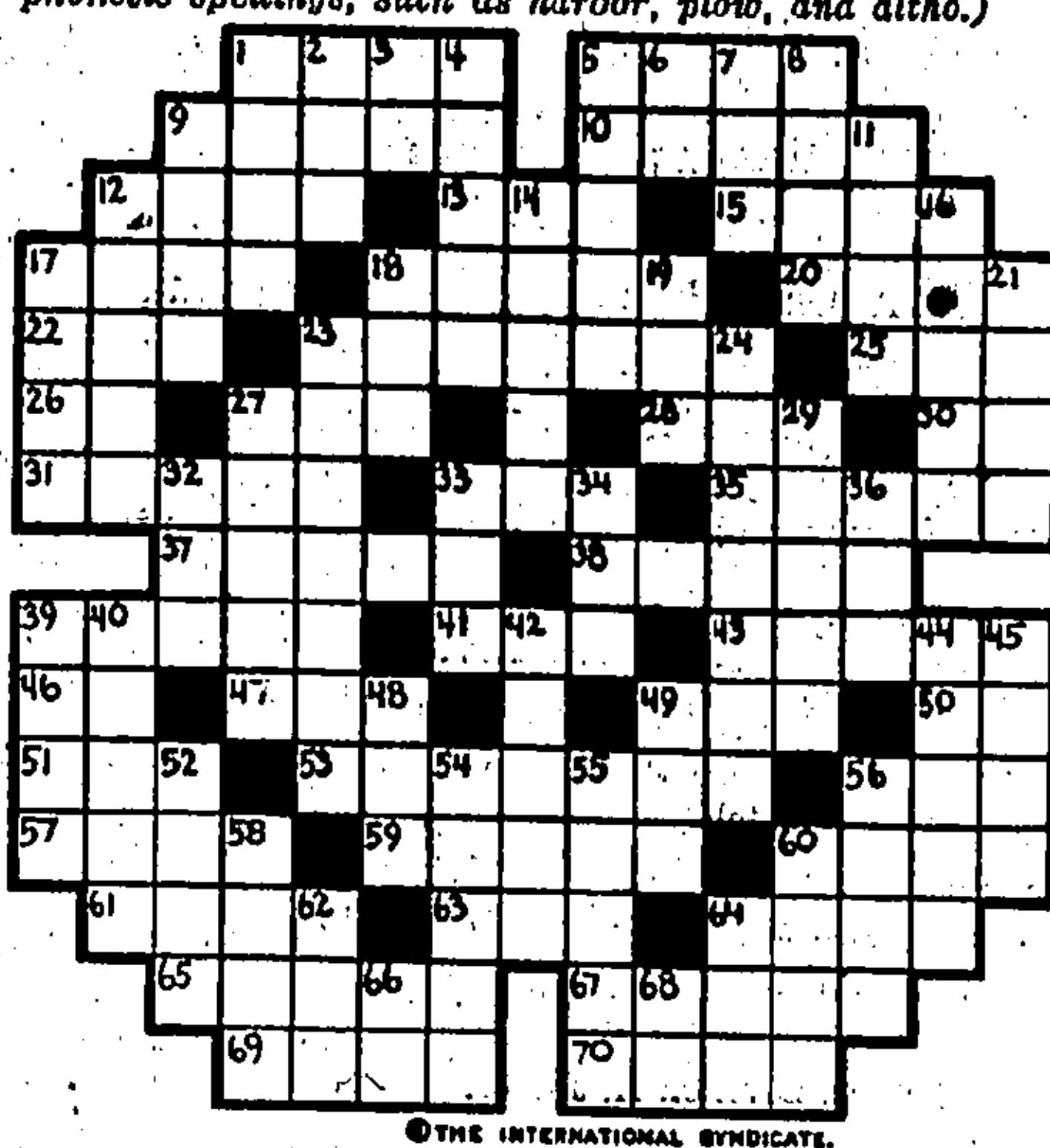
Tom Mix, Fox Western star, made certain that his wife would not find herself short of cash at Carlsbad, or when she takes a look at Westminster Abbey on her forthcoming trip abroad. At a little dinner party given by Mrs. Mix's mother, Tom presented his wife with a cheque for £5,000 to cover expenses and another for spending money. The latter was for £20,000, which should buy heaps of souvenirs. Mrs. Mix, who recently underwent a serious operation, left Los Angeles on May 12 for her trip abroad.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and atho.)



HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
1-Religious ceremony, 47-Head, 8-To fall in drops, 49-Jewel, 50-Prefix, Back, 51-To hang down, 53-To surround, 56-Disagreeable, 57-Possessive pronoun (pl.), 59-Not brilliant, 60-Obstruc, 61-A dunce, 63-A beverage, 64-Without hair, 65-Handed out, 67-Small rodent, 69-Heavy vehicle, 70-Girl's name, 71-Pleasure, 72-The head (humorous), 73-Abbreviation for an Island in U. S., 74-Dexterity, 75-Street (abbr.), 76-Keen, 77-An island off the coast of England, 78-To pass slowly, 79-Part of an act, 80-Part of verb "to be", 81-Habitat of an animal, 82-A small house or cabin, 83-Cut, 84-Part of mouth, 85-Vogue.
VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-A food, 2-Dexterity, 3-Street (abbr.), 4-Keen, 5-Sediment of liquids, 6-In regard to (abbr.), 7-Climbing vine, 8-To pass slowly, 9-Part of verb "to be", 10-Habitat of an animal, 11-Quantity of cotton, 12-Cut, 13-Habitat of an animal, 14-Part of mouth, 15-Forward.
17-An old political party, 18-A march, 19-To err, 20-Successor, 21-Underground cell, 22-Falls, 23-To lose consciousness, 24-The breast, 25-To be indebted, 26-An eye infection, 27-A tree, 28-To marry, 29-Singly, 30-Accumulation of vapor in the air, 31-Plenty, 32-Protect, 33-Finishes, 34-The shell of a pea, 35-To ridicule, 36-To poke, 37-Foolish, 38-A South American animal, 39-A quantity of cotton, 40-Used on snow, 41-Bottom, 42-A product of coal, 43-A sweet roll, 44-Southern State (abbr.), 45-Forward.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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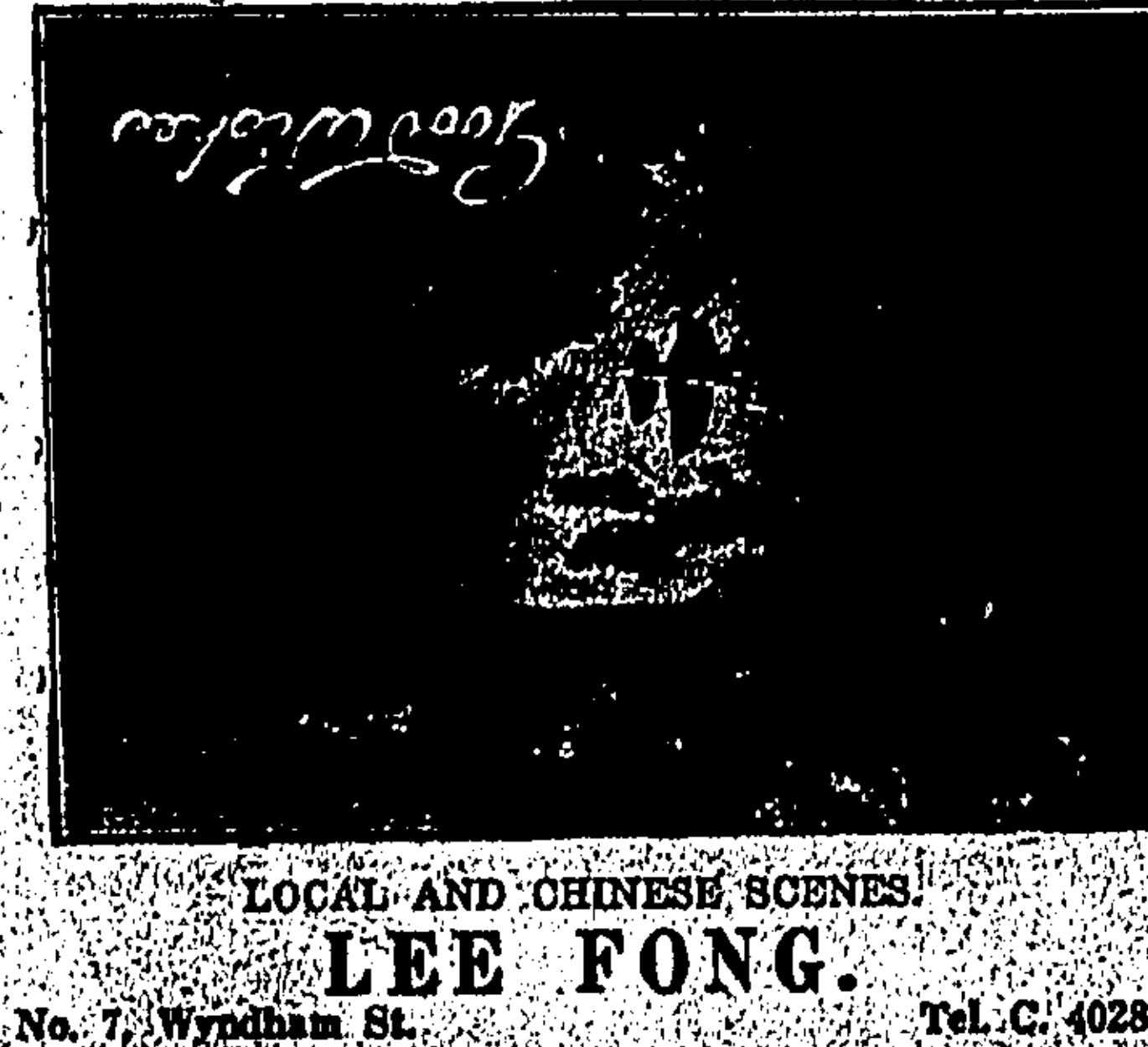


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STONECUTTERS' RANGE ALLOTMENT.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant.

Musketry.

Sunday, January 8, 1928: Reserve Company and Casuals will fire Part II, Table T, at Stonecutter Range, full details will be published later.

Casuals.

A large number of all ranks have not yet fired Part II. List of names are posted on Corps Notice Boards. All such will make arrangements to fire by Sunday, January 29, 1928, the last day on which Part II will be fired.

Peak Range.

Applications for use of the Peak Range for the first six months of 1928 should be submitted to the Adjutant immediately.

M.G. Competition.

Sergeant Spradbury's team of the Mobile Section of the Armoured Car Company wins the M.G. trophy, to be held for one year with a total score of 45 points. The Commandant offers his congratulations on the fine drill and shooting of his team.

Scores of other teams are posted on Headquarters notice boards.

Results of Field Firing trophy will be worked out as soon as correct camp strengths are submitted by unit commanders.

Corps Signals.

Parade for Camp Pay at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, December 29, at Corps Headquarters.

Artillery Company.

No parade will be held at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, December 29, 1927.

Thursday, January 5, 1928. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. for Battery Drill.

Promotions.

The following promotions take effect from December 14, 1927:—

Artillery Company.

No. 565 A/Bdr. M. H. Wallace to be Bombardier.

No. 1 Platoon.

No. 1075 Pte. J. F. Wright to be Corporal.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 833 Spr. K. S. Robertson, Engineer Co., from January 1, 1928, to October 31, 1928.

No. 511 Pte. O. Eager, Reserve Co., from January 1, 1928, to December 31, 1928.

Long Service Medal.

H.E. the Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal to No. 224 Lance-Sergeant J. C. Fletcher of the Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C., on December 16, 1927.

Struck Off the Strength.

Having left the Colony, as from December 1, 1927:—No. 668 Pte. T. Low, No. 7 Platoon.

Having completed three years' service, as from December 19, 1927: No. 503 Pte. W. Hill, Reserve Company.

NOTICE.

The Commandant wishes all ranks of the Corps a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

AFTER ORDER.

Musketry. Stonecutters Range is allotted as follows:—

Sunday, January 8, 1928:—Reserve Company and Casuals. Range Officer: Lt. A. M. Thornhill.

Sunday, January 15, 1928:—Corps Signals, Portuguese Company and Casuals.

Range Officers: Lt. M. G. Noll and 2nd-Lt. S. Jarvis, M.C.

Sunday, January 22, 1928:—Armoured Car Company, Infantry Company and Casuals.

Range Officer as detailed by Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

Sunday, January 29, 1928:—Scottish Company, Engineer Company and Casuals.

Range Officers: Capt. K. S. Morrison and 2nd-Lt. R. S. Logan.



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FOUR NEW BILLS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUSINESS.

MEETING NEXT FRIDAY.

Four new Bills were passed at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council after receiving second and third readings.

These were an Ordinance to regulate the printing of newspapers and the keeping and use of printing presses; an Ordinance to amend the Prisons Ordinance, 1899; an Ordinance to amend further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920; an Ordinance to amend the Railways Ordinance, 1909.

Those present were H.E. the Governor, H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney-General, the Colonial Treasurer, the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and the Clerk of Councils (Mr. D. W. Tratman).

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton asked whether the paper dealing with the development of the Aberdeen Valley catchment was the one for which the Council had been waiting, or whether there would be a further Sessional paper on the subject.

H.E. the Governor: There will be a further Sessional paper later on.

H.E. the Governor, at the conclusion of the routine business, said: We are now approaching the end of the year, and I think it would be convenient to have one more meeting of Council before the year closes. As the business will be mainly financial I think it would be best to have a meeting of the Finance Committee before the Council. I will propose, therefore, that the Council be adjourned until Friday, the 30th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

This was agreed to.

TRANS-JORDANIA.

TO BE MADE AN EMIRATE.

Berlin, Dec. 8. The Government of Palestine has published a statement to the effect that Trans-Jordania will henceforth be designed as an Emirate. It is believed that this foreshadows the early conclusion of a treaty between Great Britain and Trans-Jordania. The British High Commissioner for Palestine is expected to be nominated High Commissioner for Trans-Jordania too.

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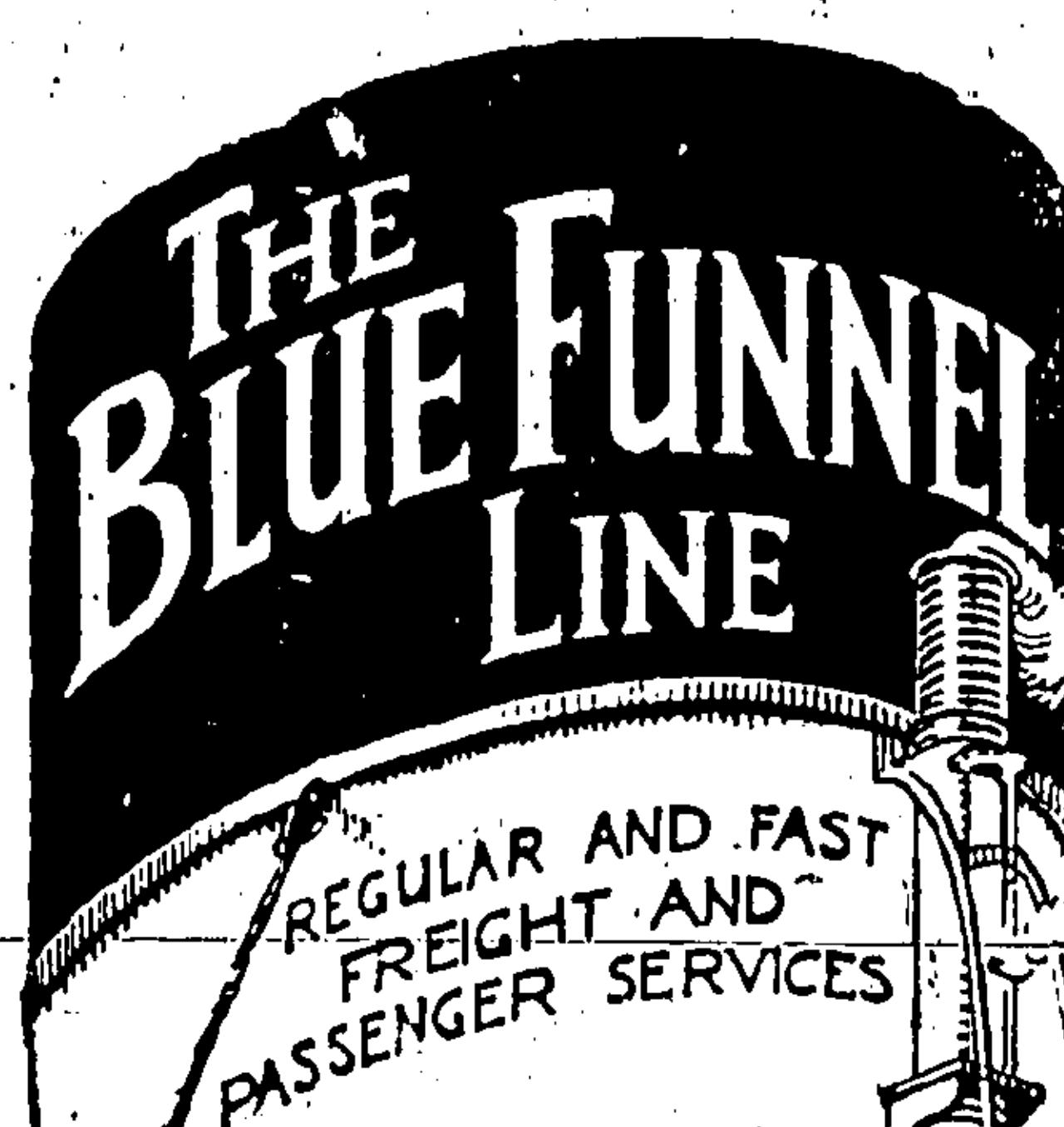
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